

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL Claim 28 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please AMEND Claims 1-3 to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image formation apparatus for forming images based on input image data, comprising:

an automatic adjustment portion adapted to perform automatic adjustment of said image formation apparatus for each of a plurality of adjustment items;

a job queuing portion adapted to queue image formation jobs;

a counting portion adapted to count the number of image formations executed after a last automatic adjustment;

a determining portion adapted to determine, for each of said plurality of adjustment items, whether or not the number of image formations at which said automatic adjustment is to be performed by said automatic adjustment portion will be reached during execution of ~~said a~~ next image formation job queued by said job queuing portion, based on the number of image formations counted by said counting portion ~~and, a number of image formations to be executed~~ by said next image formation job queued by said job queuing portion and each of a plurality of thresholds set for each of said plurality of adjustment items; and

a control portion adapted to control said automatic adjustment portion to perform the automatic adjustment based on the result of the determination by said determining portion,

wherein in the event that said determining portion determines that ~~the number of image formations at there is at least one of said plurality of adjustment items~~ for which said automatic adjustment is to be performed by said automatic adjustment portion ~~will be reached~~ during execution of said next image formation job queued by said job queuing portion, said control portion controls said automatic adjustment portion to perform the automatic adjustment before starting execution of said next image formation job queued by said job queuing portion even though the number of image formations counted by said counting portion has not reached the number at which said automatic adjustment is to be performed by said automatic adjustment portion.

2. (Currently Amended) An image formation apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said determining portion determines ~~whether or not the number of image formations at least one of said plurality of adjustment items~~ for which said automatic adjustment is to be performed by said automatic adjustment portion ~~will be reached~~ during execution of said next image formation job queued by said job queuing portion, by determining whether or not the sum of the number of image formations counted by said counting portion and the number of image formations of the next image formation job queued by said job queuing portion is greater than the number of image formations at which said automatic adjustment is to be performed each of said plurality of thresholds set for each of said plurality of the adjustment items.

3. (Currently Amended) An image formation apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said automatic adjustment ~~to be performed by said automatic adjustment portion~~ includes plurality of adjustment items include at least one of density adjustment, which forms an

image for density detection and determines density of said image for density detection and registration adjustment, which forms an image for position detection and determines position of said image for position detection.

4-28. (Canceled)